निवासी को यह धमकी दी जा रही है कि उन्हें किसी भी आरोप में निकट भविष्य में थाने में बन्द कर दिया जायेगा ;

(ख) क्या इस मामले की जांच पड़ताल कराने का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है, और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत तथा पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम्) : (क) जी नहीं, श्रीमन् ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Security belt on Western Border

248. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have discarded the idea of creating a Security Belt on the western border;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, by when the Security Belt is likely to be created?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) A proposal in this regard was being considered in pursuance of a Resolution passed by the Rajya Sabha on August 13, 1986, under Artcle 249 of the Constitution, enabling Parliament to make laws in respect of matters enumerated therein. Since then a number of developments have taken place and the effect of the Resolution mentioned earlier would expire on August 12, 1987. Punjab is under President's Rules. The Government do not, therefore, propose to pursue the matter at present.

(c) Does not arise.

Problems of Powerloom Sector

249. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the problems beign faced by the powerloom sector due to the new Textile policy;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to bail out the powerloom industry from the situation especially in Maharashtra; and

(c) whether Government propose to review the Texile policy as it is creating problems for the powerloom sector and also for the cotton growers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c) The production figures indicate that there has been a steady increase in the production of cloth in the decentralised powerloom sector since the announcement of the Textile Policy. The levels of weaving activity in particular regions change from time to time depending upon market conditions, availability of electric supply and economic decisions of the powerloom owners. The Textile Policy has not created problems either for the powerloom sector or for the cotton growers.

Irrigation Projects from Maharashtra pending Clearance

250. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the